

**MINUTES**  
*of the*  
**SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**DATE:** September 2, 2003

**PLACE:** 550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vice Chair, John Britton, Directors Dave Davis, Lee Moldaver, Olivia Rodriguez and General Manager Gary Gleason

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dan Secord and Browning Allen (City of Santa Barbara) and Barbra Nelson MTD.

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- 1. Call to Order**  
Vice Chair John Britton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
- 2. Roll Call of the Board of Directors**  
Vice Chair Britton noted that all Board members were present.
- 3. Report Regarding Posting of Agenda**  
The MTD Board Clerk reported that the agenda for this meeting was posted at the MTD administrative headquarters and on the MTD Website last week and mailed to media of general circulation.
- 4. Approval of Prior Minutes Report**  
Director Lee Moldaver moved to waive the reading of and approve the minutes for the meeting of August 19, 2003. Director Olivia Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 5. Cash Report**  
Director Rodriguez moved to adopt the cash report for the period of August 12, 2003, through August 25, 2003. Director Moldaver asked if the Finance Committee had reviewed the reports. Vice Chair Britton said he had reviewed them. Director Moldaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 6. Public Comment**  
There was no public comment.  
Members of the public were present to observe and participate.
- 7. At-large Director Interviews (8:45-10:50)**  
The Board interviewed the three final candidates for the At-large Director position: Brian Fahnestock, Dave Johnson and Randy Stark. Director Moldaver suggested that the Board narrow the selection to the top two finalists. The Board took a vote that determined the top two finalists to be Brian Fahnestock and Randy Stark.

Vice Chair Britton opened the floor to public comment. Dave Forston from Santa Barbara County Action Network (SBCAN) and Harley Augustino from PUEBLO urged the Board to consider Randy Stark because he was a bus rider and worked with poor residents.

Director Davis asked for a 5-minute break at 10:00 a.m.

After the break, Director Davis moved to appoint Brian Fahnestock. Director Moldaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**8. Other Business and Committee Reports**

There was no other business or committee reports.

**9. General Manager's Report**

General Manager Gary Gleason gave the floor to Controller Jerry Estrada who has been working with the City of Santa Barbara (City) staff on the Downtown Waterfront Shuttle contract. Mr. Estrada noted that the City and MTD were very close to a final agreement with MTD at \$69.71 per hour and the City at \$61.91 per hour they are still continuing discussions.

Director Moldaver asked Planning Manager Browning Allen of the City about the status of the agreement. Mr. Allen agreed that the City and MTD are very close to resolving the differences in the contract and are continuing with discussions.

The General Manager noted that there are some transitional issues that still need to be clarified with the new pass structure. Vice Chair Britton appointed Director Davis and Director Moldaver to an *ad hoc* committee to meet with the MTD staff and resolve those issues. Mr. Estrada reported that MTD needed to get the artwork finalized, place the order and that the anticipated start for the new pass program is the first part of October, 2003.

Mr. Gleason reported that regarding the Haley Yard project, the fuel tanks had been filled and the move of the base operation will be on September 22, 2003, (the booster service will be moved when everything else is under control).

**10. Bus Purchases**

The General Manager asked the Board to authorize awarding a contract to the lowest bid for eleven 30-foot clean diesel buses; to solicit proposals for at least twelve 30-foot electric buses to be used on the South Coast Transit Priorities (SCTP) expansion routes; to request that the City and County of Santa Barbara extend its operating support for the SCTP service; and request that the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) Board revise the current twenty-five electric bus Federal Transportation Implementation Plan (FTIP) to twenty-three 30-foot buses (11 diesels and 12 electrics with options for 13 more) using as much of the \$8.1 million Federal Transit Administration grant as is agreeable.

Director Davis moved to reject the previously delayed MTD Request for Proposal (RFP) and Director Moldaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Britton opened the floor to public comment.

Hal Siegel prepared a report for the Board that will be on file at the MTD administrative office, urging that the Board consider hybrid buses. Council Member Gregory Gandrud of Carpinteria spoke about the advantages of hybrid buses.

Mr. Gleason explained that hybrid buses were not legally certified by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and that MTD plans to buy 8 when they have the go ahead.

Mr. Gleason reported that the MTD plans to have a third party expert, who is detached from manufacturers, to conduct the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the proposed bus purchases.

Director Moldaver moved to authorize the General Manager to approach SBCAG to amend our current bus purchase in the FTIP to allow purchase of twelve battery electric vehicles of the type we are already committed to and to request authorization to go in for a group bid which would

bring the cost down further with the understanding with SBCAG about the delivery date implications of such a strategy. Director Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Gleason suggested that we set a date for a public presentation regarding the science involved with different bus technologies.

**11. Closed Session**

At this time the Board entered into a closed session pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 regarding conference with labor negotiator, agency representative: Doug Large concerning unrepresented employee: General Manager. No actions were taken and the item will be continued to the next meeting (September 16, 2003).

**12. Adjournment**

Director Moldaver moved to adjourn the meeting and Director Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.